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Please deliver following message to Foreign Minister von Brentano

QUOTE Dear Heinrich: I am writing separately to the Chancellor on the subject of our representation in Bonn but I thought I should also let you know some of the background to this situation. As I have explained to the Chancellor, and as I believe Ambassador Bruce had intimated to both of you, it has been his intention for some time to submit his resignation this year. We had given careful consideration to his replacement and we had arranged for an Ambassador who would be not only of sufficient stature but who would also be personally most acceptable to the Chancellor and to you yourself. Unfortunately, in this as in other human affairs personal problems intervened at the eleventh hour to confront us with the impossibility of carrying through our original plan.

I am sure I needn't go into great detail since some of the background at least must have been familiar to you from a reading of the press during

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the past week. The important consideration which I wish to make clear to you is that in the choice of Ambassador Bruce's successor the President and I were determined that we should nominate, even though it might represent a great inconvenience to some of our other plans, a man in whom the Chancellor could have the greatest confidence. We believe that Ambassador Walter C. Dowling fulfills this consideration in every respect as he has not only had previous service at a high level in our Embassy in Bonn but has just completed a successful tour of duty as our Ambassador to the Republic of Korea.

I venture to hope that Ambassador Dowling will make a significant contribution to maintaining our present close and cooperative relations with the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany.

With warmest personal regards,

Most sincerely,

Christian A. Herter UNQUOTE

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